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SUBJECT: VISIT OF GUINEAN PRESIDENT TO SAUDI ARABIA

REF: (A) STATE 95464, (B) JIDDA 2964

1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED PROPOSED TOURE VISIT WITH SAUDI CHARGE APRIL 18 IN ACCORDANCE REF A. CHARGE STATED HE HAD RECEIVED POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM JIDDA, APPROVING VISIT TO TAKE PLACE "AS SOON AS POSSIBLE" BUT WITHOUT YET FIXING SPECIFIC DATES. CHARGE'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT VISIT WOULD BE OF THREE DAYS DURATION, POSSIBLY COMMENCING APRIL 30.

2. AMBASSADOR ENCOUNTERED SAUDI CHARGE AT RECEPTION APRIL 19, AFTER RECEIPT REF B, AND TOLD HIM WE HAD INDICATION THAT VISIT MIGHT NOT BE APPROVED UNTIL AFTER RAMADAN. CHARGE EXPRESSED CATEGORIC VIEW THAT JIDDA HAD APPROVED VISIT FOR THE VERY NEAR FUTURE; HE UNDERSTANDS "ASAP" TO MEAN SOME TIME DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY.

3. COMMENT: IN OUR VIEW, EARLY VISIT DISTINCTLY PREFERABLE. DOES JIDDA BELIEVE DIFFERENCE IN PNTERPRE-
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TATION RE TIMING REFLECTS FAULTY COORDINATION WITH MFA OR SIMPLY MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF CHARGE IN CONAKRY?
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